

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet.

Page 1, before line 2, insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

A lancet with a removable guard is located over the point of a needle part of a lancet.

Description of the Related Art--

Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES--

Page 3, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

--The lancet shown in the drawings incorporates a needle 1 (Figure 3) held within a support body 2. The tip portion 3 of the needle (having an angled point 4) is protected by a guard 5. The support body 2 and the guard 5 are moulded simultaneously about the needle 1. During moulding the needle is

held by pins which create passageways 6 and 7 within the support body 1. The plastics material is injected through an entry point of the mould at the location 8 and is caused to deflect around a pin which creates the hole [[9]] 14 in the guard 5, so as to increase the balance of flow of material to either side of the pin 9. Conventionally several lancets are moulded at one time to either side of a spine. The plastics material therefore enters at the location 8 at an angle and tends to bend around the far corner of the part of the mould defining the lancet such that there will be an uneven flow of pressure on to the two sides of the end portion 3 of the needle which can tend to bend it, particularly when the plastics material hits the angled face 4. There is then the possibility that the tip 3 will be bent out of shape within the guard 5 which can make the lancet more difficult to use with a finger pricker device when the guard has been removed.--